

## QUIET WEEK ON ORPHAN SECTOR; ONLY 18 TAKEN

Lull Only Presages Opening of Smashing Franco Offensive

### AIRMEN AGAIN TO THE FORE

Y.M. Secretary Qualifies for Individual Honors as Booster—S.S.U. Heard from

#### TAKEN THIS WEEK

Lt. J. K. Jr.	1
— Aero Squadron	1
Herbert H. Knox, New York	1
3rd Plat., Co. C. Field Sig Bn.	1
Enlisted Men, Battery 1st	1
Y.M.C.A. Base Hosp. No. 8	1
Co. D. — Balloon Squadron	2
— Aero Squadron	1
Co. B. Hdqrs. Bn., G.H.Q.	1
Co. B. — Supply Train	1
Co. E. 6th Bn. — Engineers	1
Aero Squadron	1
Bellevue Camp, Co. B. — Engineers	1
S.S.U. — Convois Autos.	1
S.S.U. — Convois Autos.	1
Repair Section, U.S.S.	1
Major Newbold Morris, O.D.	1
Previously adopted	300
Total	318

It was a quiet week on the orphan sector. There was nothing but local actions.

The airmen—balloon and plane—did some reconnoitering and took a few mascots. The Y.M.C.A. at Base Hospital No. 8 sent in for its third, a New Yorker heard about the scheme and forwarded a draft for 500 francs, two Sanitary Corps units got busy for one each, and a naval repair section running between France and the States asked for one.

Otherwise there is not much to report. All told, requests were received for 15 orphan-mascots, running the total of THE STARS AND STRIPES family of fatherless and homeless children up to 318.

The progress was below the average of the last five or six weeks, during which the number of requests for orphans ranged from 24 to 32. But it wasn't a very noticeable slump—just a lull bound to occur, probably, in the best regulated orphan campaigns.

We expect big things in the future, though, with all the regular service honors in the orphan campaign. "45,000 in one convoy." We've been reading those headlines. Eight hundred thousand soldiers in France—that we know of—and only 318 orphans adopted! If these newcomers don't get busy pretty quick, we'll have something to say about it.

**In Line for Individual Honors**  
W. I. Kelsey, secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Base Hospital No. 8, has qualified for a distinguished service honors in the orphan campaign. He makes collections at the Y.M.C.A. meetings and has a box for donations in the canteen.

Up to last Sunday he had gathered enough for the support of two children for a year, and at the regular Sunday night meeting he explained the scheme and, before departing, the gathering contributed a round 500 francs for a third.

The adoption of a child each by three Aero Squadrons and two by a Balloon Squadron places the airmen second only to the infantry in the number of children adopted. Balloon Squadrons alone have taken nearly a score during the last three weeks.

The first 500-franc contribution to be received from the United States was from Herbert H. Knox of 50 Broadway, New York City.

"I heard it was possible to fill any specifications," wrote Mr. Knox, "and I want to suggest a boy of about seven whose father has fallen in battle and whose name is Samuel, which is the name of my youngest son."

The Red Cross committee which selects the children found a "Samuel," child of a specified Christian name can usually be allotted by the Red Cross, but it sometimes takes a deal of searching to find them and adopters are asked not to specify the names of prospective mascots unless there is some strong sentimental reason.

Specifications as to age, sex, complexion and color of hair can be filled, however—except those calling for red hair, of course, and for six year old girls, of which there is a temporary dearth.

**All Attending School**  
Reports from the children adopted indicate that the timely material aid afforded them is not the only result of most of the adoptions. Assured of food and a home for a year, the mascots, if they are old enough to understand, take their adoption as a very important event and make the most of the opportunity of schooling afforded.

Every child of school age who has been allotted to A.E.F. units is attending school, and the knowledge that they are the wards of *les Américains* has had a noticeably stimulating influence on their study.

The boys are inclined, at first, to be a little bit dazzled by having a unit of American soldiers as a parrain. In their particular circle they are the aristocracy of French boyhood. They outshadow millionaire sons and girls' favorites and, upon learning of their selection, behave, usually, as an American youth would act if he had just been presented with a four ring circus.

One such youth received a present of 10 francs direct from his new god-fathers. Did he buy a new pair of trousers with it, or lay it away toward a pair of much needed shoes? He did not. He bought a toy car pulled for six francs and four francs worth of caps painted his face like an Indian and, in imagination, killed every other youth in that part of the country. He was going to be a cowboy, he explained, and was getting ready for his career.

It wasn't until he received a letter from his parrain expressing the hope that "he was getting along well with his studies" that he quieted down. But when he got the tip that he was expected to make progress with his books, he declared that he would become the best student in the class—and he did.

#### FORMER BALL STARS IN GAME

Forty thousand persons turned out to see Jack Barry's Navy team play against Jacquin's Camp Derens nine, the score being 5 to 1 in favor of the Naval Reserves.

Ernie Shore pitched for the victors, allowing only six hits. In the team lineup were Witt, Barry, Gainer, Shorten, Walsh, Maraville and Shore, all former big league stars.

## ON GUARD IN ALSACE



## HUNDRED MILLION IS AIM OF OCTOBER Y.M.C.A. CAMPAIGN

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France and England. Actually \$55,000,000 was raised, of which \$20,000,000 was appropriated to overseas work.

Of this last-named sum about a million was devoted to the Foyers du Soldat in the French Army. A little went to work in Italy. Three million was for work in Russia, and the Y.M. isn't yet quite sure what to do with the three million. The rest—over \$15,000,000—has been devoted to work among American soldiers on foreign service.

It was this fund which built up the Y.M. organization in France. The building up process had to go down to bed rock. The Government gave nothing but its approval, and nothing more was asked. Unofficially, the Government and the Y have helped each other considerably. The Y bought building material and set up its huts, stocked them, provided secretaries, transported its stuff to the huts from the bases. In fact, the Y's bills began to mount even before the stuff reached the bases, for ocean freight rates are high these days.

#### Canteens Close to Front

The Y.M. is at present pushing its canteens close to the front as army authorities will allow. The newly-evolved knapsack canteen, consisting of two Y secretaries, two enlisted men, and as many sacks filled with cigarettes, tobacco, pipes, chocolate, writing paper, magazines and towels as the quarters can carry, already transports material to the front line and out to advanced machine guns and listening posts beyond. This work will be greatly extended when the new fund begins to roll in.

The present canteen system is conducted at a slight loss, and the canteens to come will be self-conducted also. A canteen proprietor who reports a profit loses himself in very Dutch at Y headquarters. The shrinkage which headquarters expects and provides for is about five per cent. If it gets as high as ten, headquarters asks questions.

There are, of course, exceptions. The secretary who found 700 men going up into the line hungry and smokeless, having outdistanced their supply, and who rode 15 miles and back to bring them all chocolate, cookies and cigarettes, will report a loss of more than ten per cent, but headquarters will probably write him a congratulatory note.

#### Transportation Big Item

One of the great expenses items, and one that is mounting all the time, is transportation, and to this one item much of the new fund will have to be devoted. The transportation of the Army hither and yon in France, the many and far-separated American fronts, make the problem a serious one, but one not so unsolvable as it is expensive.

The growth of the Army in France, and the Y.M.'s resolve to keep pace with that growth and more, will mean a large addition to its personnel of secretaries. Most of these will be business and professional men between 35 and 45—unless the draft limit goes up to 40, in which case the Y will fire out many more. At present men are coming over faster than they have ever come before. Recently a party of 200 came over, a record number.

The Y.W.C.A. will also wage a campaign to raise a fund of \$15,000,000 in October to carry on its war activities.

#### HOW TO ADOPT AN ORPHAN

A company, detachment, or group of the A.E.F. agrees to adopt a child for a year, contributing 500 francs (\$87.72) for its support. The children will be either orphans, the children of French soldiers so seriously crippled that they cannot work, or refugees from the invaded districts, as specified by the adopting units.

The money will be sent to THE STARS AND STRIPES to be turned over to a special committee of the American Red Cross for disbursement. At least 250 francs will be paid upon adoption and the remainder within four months thereafter.

Photographs and the history of each child will be sent to its adopting unit, which will be notified of the child's whereabouts and advised monthly of its progress. The Red Cross will determine the disposal of the child. It will be maintained in a French family or sent to a trade or agricultural school.

No restrictions are placed upon the methods by which money may be raised. Donations and communications regarding the children should be addressed: War Orphans' Department, THE STARS AND STRIPES, G2, A.E.F., 1 Rue des Italiens, Paris, France.

#### HUSKIEST OLD MEN

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, June 27.—Northern Pennsylvania claims the five huskiest old men in existence.

It points proudly to Edwin Grimes, 87, who cut and stored 20 tons of hay, stored 120 bushels of winter apples, made maple syrup and tended a vegetable garden in order to replace young men at the front.

It points to Walter Butler, 84, who raised half a ton of pork, milked four cows, cut 40 acres of hay and oats and harvested 100 bushels of potatoes.

Three other huskies, aged 85, 82 and 80 respectively, are also running farms in order to help their country win the war.

## ZEBRA STRIPES OFF CHOW CARTS

Solid Colors Will Replace Rattlesnake Trimmings to Economize Paint

Zebra stripes on chow carts are to be a thing of the past for some time anyway.

The powers-that-be have come to the conclusion that "the effectiveness of this painting is very slight," and so one of the most overworked words in the army, already a trifle overdone, is being used: Camouflage.

Solid, dull colors are to replace the rattlesnake patterns in future, it is announced, since it has been proven that they melt into the atmosphere pretty nearly as well as do the more motley contraptions, sometimes better.

Furthermore, all requests for camouflage by organizations in a division are henceforth to be shot up to the division engineer, who will put his camouflage officer on the job and see what kind of concealment will be most effective. Nor that the new regulations will put the camouflage corps out of work. It will probably have to work all the harder. The reason for the changes, and the curtailing of gaudiness, may be summed up in just these words: Economize paint.

#### NOT WANTED IN ARMY

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, June 27.—A convict who is serving 20 years on a manslaughter charge for strangling his lady friend has offered to enter the Army in exchange for a pardon. Governor Whitman of New York has declined the offer.

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With the 6th Cavalry Band playing the national hymns of the world's two greatest republics and then getting the audience in voice with "Over There" and "When Yankee Doodle Starts to March," with Marshal Joffre, General Tasker H. Bliss, the ambassadors of Great Britain and the United States, and a host of notables looking on and with several truck-loads of wounded Yanks present to corroborate the title, "America's Answer to the Hun," the first official American war movie, was shown Wednesday afternoon at the Gaumont Palace, Paris.

The setting was one of the most impressive in which a motion picture show has ever been presented. The big auditorium, said to be the largest cinema theater in the world, was filled with a throng of spectators that included members of most of the armies now fighting for the Allies.

It was America's afternoon, however. The thousands of Parisians who watched and waited at the theater entrance to cheer arriving notables saved their wildest enthusiasm for two things. One was the advent of Marshal Joffre. The other was the ambulance loads of wounded Yanks.

#### Shows What We're Doing

But the enthusiasm was not all on the outside. The 6th Cavalry Band and the film got their share. "America's Answer to the Hun," produced under the direction of E. B. Hartick and G. J. Hubbell for the Committee of Public Information, presents as much of America's share in the war as 4,000 feet of film can hope to do. It is now going back to the States and will be shown in every Allied country.

From the busy docksides of base ports and war depots far behind the battle lines, the scene is abruptly shifted to the front line trench, and out beyond, for one of the film's thrillers is a few minutes' visit to a daylight patrol in the wooded swamps of No Man's Land.

Everything got a little people felt that way. Two black cooks shaking hands between the windows of a suspicious hospital train, nurses disembarking on French soil, the 104th Regiment receiving the Croix de Guerre on its standard, thousands of Ford's grouped in an S.O.S. park, even peace and acres of bacon, butter and sun-tobacco in the shelter of several miles of Yankee-built warehouses—all these were applauded with beating enthusiasm.

But the most fervent applause was that which always greeted the ranks of marching men, rifles on shoulders, packs on backs, going up into the line.

The French orchestra showed its appreciation of American music by showering the band with roses. When, though, the film began to chronicle the activities of a salvage depot, more than one sigh went up as thousands upon thousands of pile upon pile of extinct campaign hats were pictured in all the glory of defunctness. It was the only touch of sadness in the two hour show.

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## G.O.P. WILL FIGHT FORD'S CANDIDACY

Lewis Seems Stronger in New York—Minnesota Surprise

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, June 27.—The Republicans apparently will fight Henry Ford's candidacy to succeed William Allen Smith as senator from Michigan, and Ford says in return that pacifists can do some fighting themselves when necessary.

Merton Lewis, attorney-general of the State of New York, looks up stronger daily as an opponent of Governor Whitman for the New York gubernatorial nomination, and Whitman's adversaries have forced Republican State Chairman Glynn to accede to a Republican conference at Saratoga, which will be practically a convention, though officially called a conference.

Governor J. A. Burnquist has won the primary election for the Republican nomination for governor of Minnesota, defeating Charles A. Lindberg, the National Non-Partisan League candidate, by over 50,000, much to the surprise of the country, which knew the strength of the League and its extraordinary political successes in many States of recent years. United States Senator Knut Nelson, candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination, defeated James A. Peterson of Minneapolis by 182,000.

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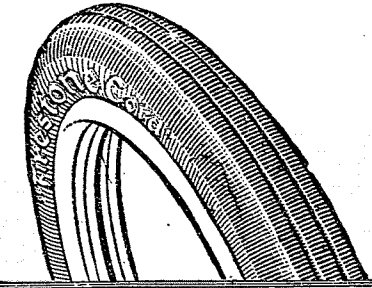
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